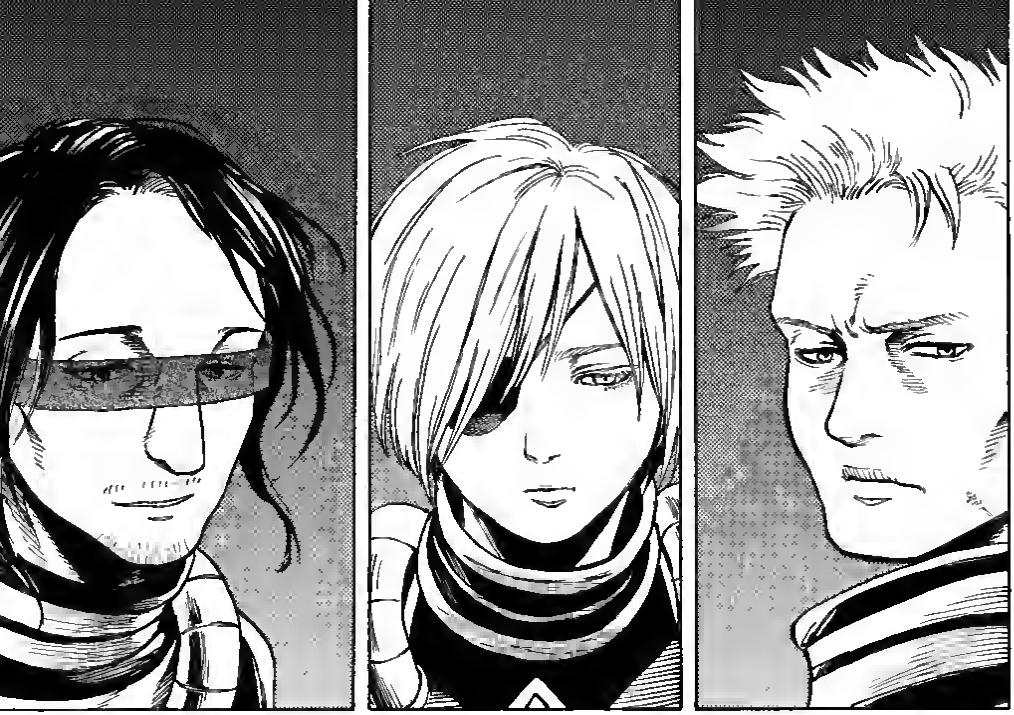
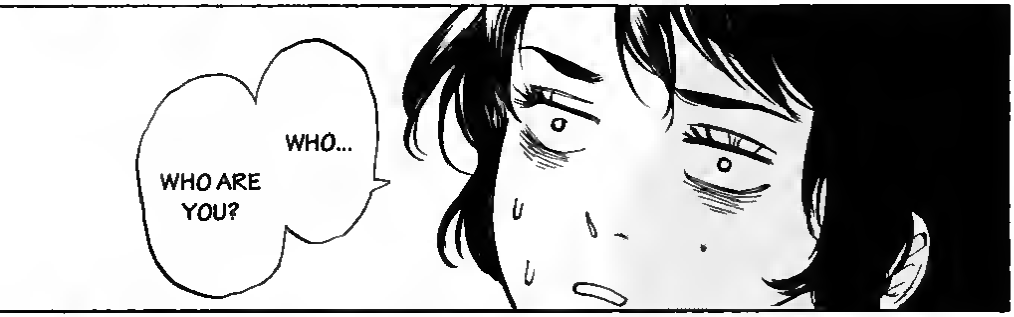
CHAPTER 12: DARK SIDE OF THE STAR
NEW SUPERHUMANS HAVE APPEARED!
AGAINST THESE ODDS, WHAT WILL HOSHI-SAN DO?!
STARLIGHT WOMAN
MEET MY FRIENDS.
THEY'RE ABDUCTEES LIKE YOU, YUMAKO.
PRESENTED BY
RIE KANOU




WHO...
WHO ARE YOU?

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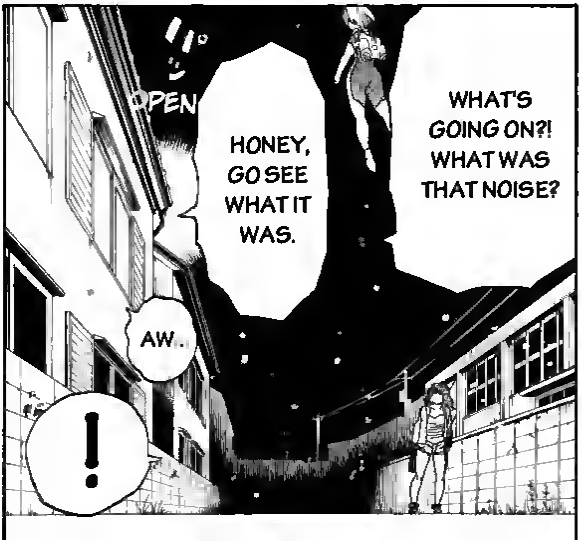
HMM?


OPEN
HONEY, GO SEE WHAT IT WAS.
WHAT'S GOING ON?! WHAT WAS THAT NOISE?
AW..
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ZOOM
POW!!
WELL, THEY INTER-RUPTED US.
WE DON'T WANT AN AUDIENCE.
HEY!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
ACK!
HONEY, ARE YOU OKAY?!
WHIP
MAN, THAT SCARED ME.

YOU SHOULD UNDERSTAND BY NOW.
IF WE WERE TO FIGHT HERE, CIVILIANS WOULD GET DRAGGED IN.
AND ON TOP OF THAT, AS FOR THE THING THAT WOULD CAUSE THE MOST CASUALTIES...
WOULDN'T IT BE YOUR ABILITY...
...YUMAKO HOSHI?
WHAT THE...
WHO ARE YOU, ANYWAY?!
SERIOUSLY?
WELL, SINCE YOU ASKED, I'LL TELL YOU.

ZIP
I AM HINO TATSUYUKI
THAT IS NOT AN OBSCURE NAME. YOU SHOULD REMEMBER IT...
HINO-CHAN, SHE RAN OFF.
...
AH!
IDIOTS GET LEFT BEHIND.
LET'S GO, YOU TWO!
ZOOM
AH...
AAAH!
I'M HOLDING HANDS WITH A HIGH SCHOOL GIRL.
HUFF
HUFF
UGH...
I'M SO HAPPY I'M ALIVE...

KICK
YUCK, YOU CREEP!
THERE SHE IS... GET HER!
YES, MA'AM.
ZOOM
WHAT IS THIS? WHAT IS THIS?
DROP
OOF!
MADOWA AGAIN?!
HUFF HUFF

UGH
NICE, MY ASS.
LET ME GO, YOU...
NICE TO MEET YOU.
EH? EH? EH?!
HEH HEH... YOU'RE TRAPPED. YOU'RE TOTALLY UNABLE TO MOVE
HUFF HUFF HUFF
MY POWER...
TWITCH
TWITCH
SHIFT
!

STICK!!
IT'S AD-FUSION!
THINK OF IT AS THE ABILITY TO STICK TO SOMETHING LIKE GLUE, TO BECOME COMPLETELY IRREMOVABLE.
PLEASE DON'T DAMAGE YOURSELF.
WHAT THE HELL?!
AH, PLEASE DON'T STRUGGLE.
YOU'LL TEAR OFF YOUR SKIN.
UGH! LET GO!
THERE, THERE...
I'M CLINGY, AREN'T I?
STICK
STICK.
EW...

WE'VE CAPTURED HER.
WHEN SHE CAN'T ATTACK, IT'S SIMPLE.
YOU CAN'T LOWER YOUR GUARD AROUND HER.
YEAH, YEAH.
LEAD THE OTHERS TO THE DESIGNATED SITE, BUT BE SURE TO WATCH HER.
POP
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FOR NOW, I'LL LET MIZUSHIMA HANDLE HER.
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EVEN IF IT PISSES ME OFF.
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ZOOM
WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?
WHO ARE YOU, ANYWAY?!
I'M GLAD YOU ASKED.

MY NAME IS MIZUSHIMA.
ALLOW ME TO INTRO-DUCE MYSELF.
IT WAS ONE YEAR AGO. I WAS DOING MY PART, WATCHING OVER MY HOUSE AT NIGHT
A NEET?!
I PROTECTED MY FAMILY. THOSE WERE HAPPY DAYS, INDEED.
YAY
AND THEN, TRAGEDY STRUCK
I RARELY LEFT THE HOUSE. BUT LATE ONE NIGHT, I HAPPENED TO VENTURE OUT.
LOOK
LOOK
MOVE
MOVE
AND THEN...
SURPRISE

ALL OF A SUDDEN, THIS HAPPENED.
YIKES
アーリ
THEY APPEARED TO DEEM ME OF NO VALUE TO THEM.
WHAT'S THIS?
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COOL!
カッコイイ!!
MY ABILITY HAD AWAKENED.
STICK
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STICK
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STICK
ペた
MY FEET FEEL STRANGE TODAY.
?
IT'S LIKE I'VE STEPPED IN GUM
CREAK
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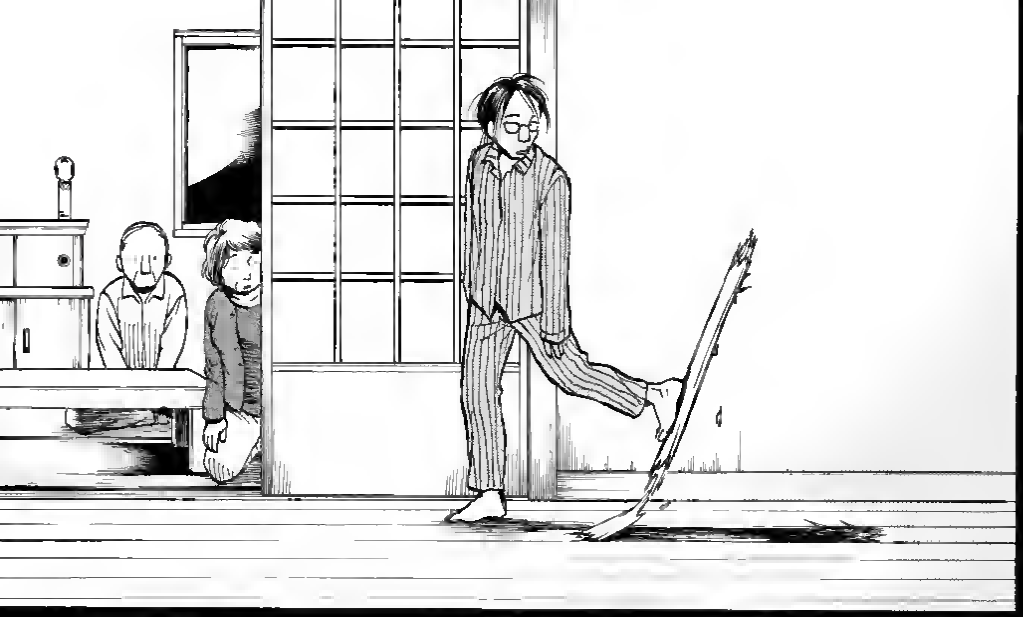
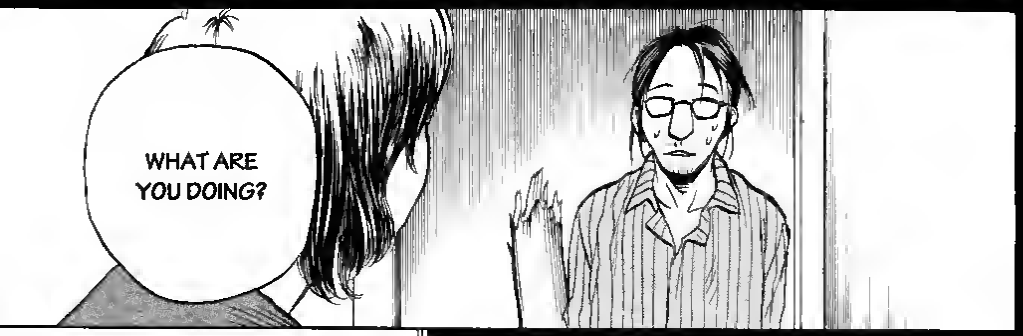
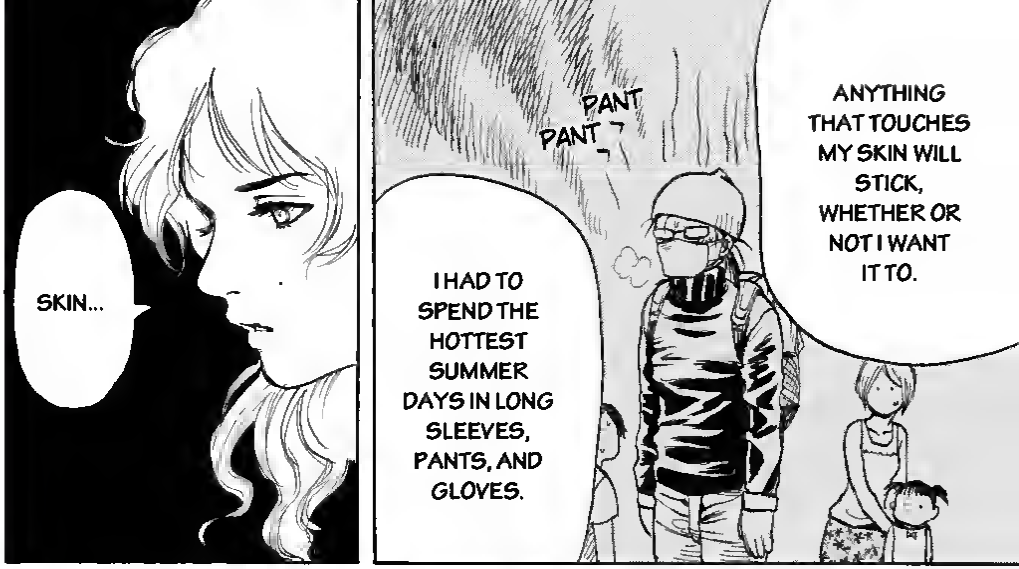
CREAK
WATARU, COME-DOWN-STAIRS.
WE HAVE TO TELL HIM TODAY, DEAR.
YEAH..
バリッ
CRACK




WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

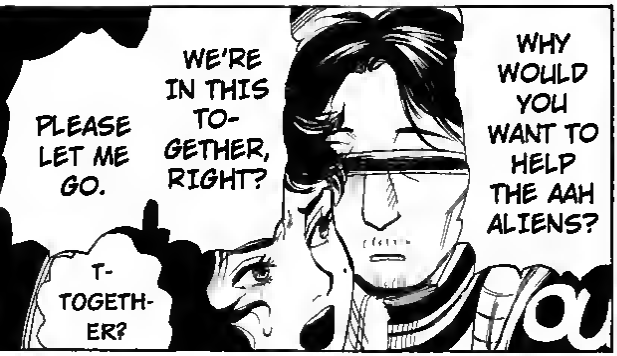
UM, WELL...
I'M NOT EXACTLY SURE.
RIP
AND THUS, I WAS THROWN OUT OF MY OWN HOME.
ALL BE-CAUSE OF THIS MISER-ABLE ABILITY!
IS THAT REALLY THE WHOLE REASON?

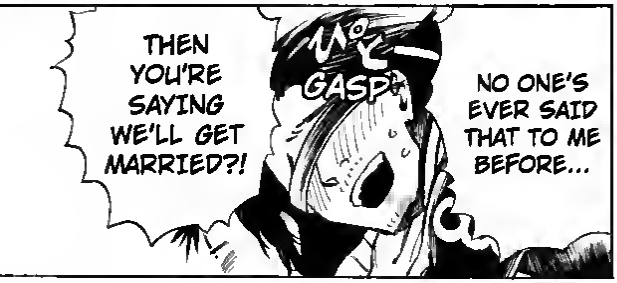

SKIN...
I HAD TO SPEND THE HOTTEST SUMMER DAYS IN LONG SLEEVES, PANTS, AND GLOVES.
PANT PANT
ANYTHING THAT TOUCHES MY SKIN WILL STICK, WHETHER OR NOT I WANT IT TO.

TOUCHING A WOMAN WHILE NAKED WOULD BE... HEH HEH.
OH, DON'T WORRY. WHEN I WEAR THIS SUIT, IT ALLOWS ME TO CONTROL MY ABILITY.
WAIT, YOU MEAN YOU'RE NAKED?!

WITHOUT THE SUIT, I HAVE NO CONTROL OVER MY ABILITY.
SUCH A SHAME. HEH HEH HEH.
ALSO, I CAN SEPARATE US, JUST BY WILLING IT.
WE WOULDN'T BE STUCK TOGETHER FOREVER.
BLANK STARE

I DO KNOW UNDER-STAND.
AL-THOUGH...
I HAVE TO AVOID ANYWHERE THAT PEOPLE GATHER!
EVEN THE TOKYO CON-VENTION CENTER AND THE AKI-HABARA UNDER-GROUND!
DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO NOT BE ABLE TO GET A GIRL-FRIEND?
SCREW YOU!
YOU COULDN'T GET ONE, ANYWAY
GRIPS


PLEASE LET ME GO.
WE'RE IN THIS TO-GETHER, RIGHT?
WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO HELP THE AAH ALIENS?
T-TOGETH-ER?


THEN YOU'RE SAYING WE'LL GET MARRIED?!
GASP!
NO ONE'S EVER SAID THAT TO ME BEFORE...

HUH? THE AAH ALIENS?
OH, A UFO.

YOU HAVE AN ABILITY YOU DIDN'T ASK FOR, AND IT'S CAUS-ING YOU TROUBLE.
SO WHY...

FAINTING
SINCE YOU CAN SEPARATE US BY THINKING ABOUT IT...
SLAM
OW!
MAYBE IF YOU STOP THINKING, WE'LL SEPARATE!
I WAS RIGHT...
SLIP
ACK, MY CLOTHES...
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DAMN, WELL, NO TIME TO WORRY ABOUT THAT.
DROP
YOU AREN'T GOING ANYWHERE.

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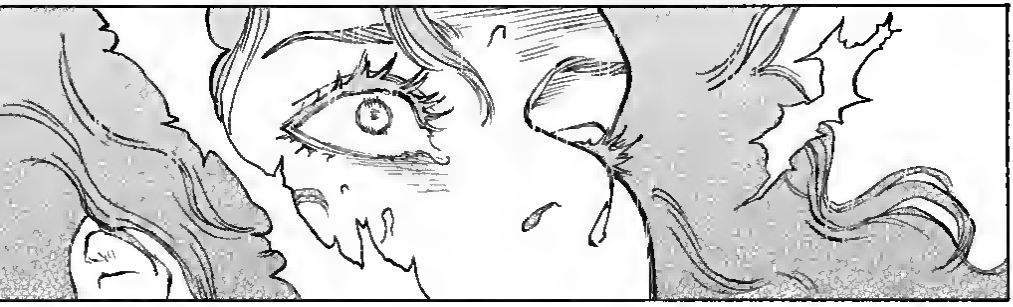
SHOCKビリッ



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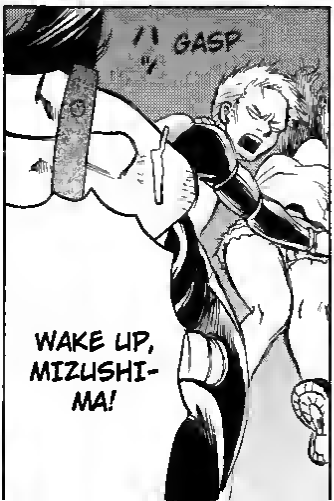
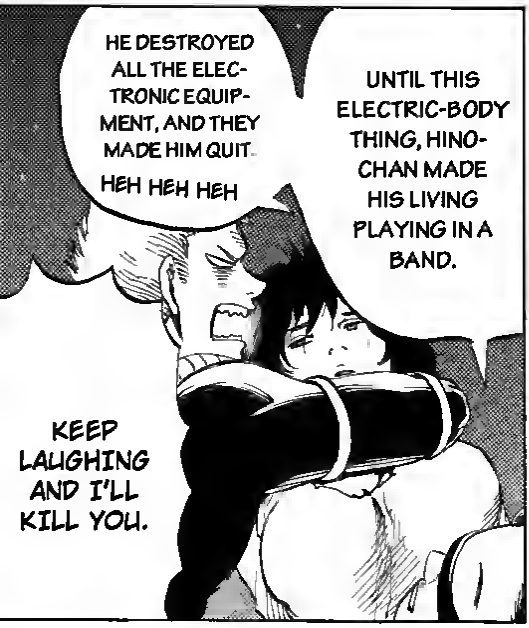
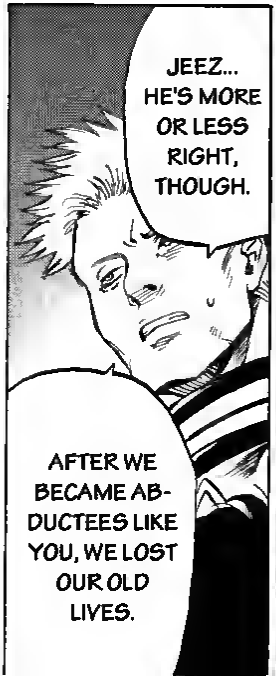

GASP
WAKE UP, MIZUSHI-MA!

I HAVE AN ELECTRICAL ABILITY.
SORRY.
SNAP
I'M SORRY, HINO-CHAN.
DON'T RELEASE HER AGAIN.
I'LL HOLD HER, TOO.
I PUMPED YOUR BODY FULL OF ELEC-TRICITY.
YOU'RE GOING TO BE NUMB AND UNABLE TO MOVE FOR A WHILE.
YOU SHOULD BE UNCON-SCIOUS.
WHY ARE YOU... DOING THIS?
BUT...
WHY?
YOU CAN ALREADY TALK?!


HE DESTROYED ALL THE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, AND THEY MADE HIM QUIT.
HEH HEH HEH
UNTIL THIS ELECTRIC-BODY THING, HINO-CHAN MADE HIS LIVING PLAYING IN A BAND.
KEEP LAUGHING AND I'LL KILL YOU.

IT'S NOTHING PERSONAL.
I DON'T REALLY HAVE AN ANSWER.
I JUST WANT TO GO BACK TO MY OLD LIFE.

BUT WE MADE A DEAL...
...WITH THE AAH ALIENS.


JEEZ... HE'S MORE OR LESS RIGHT, THOUGH.
AFTER WE BECAME ABDUCTEES LIKE YOU, WE LOST OUR OLD LIVES.

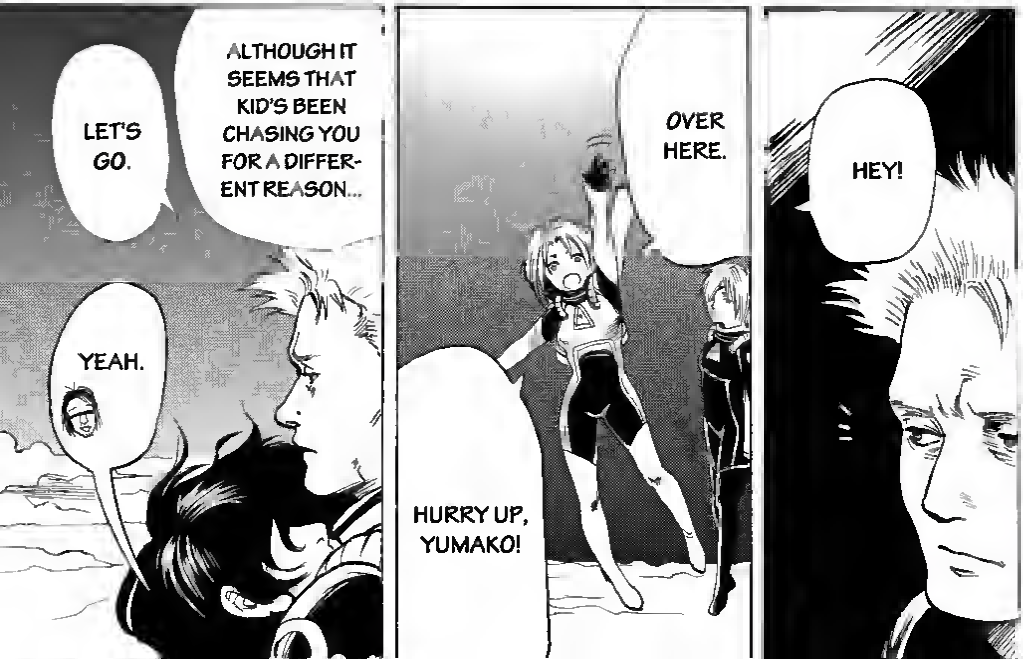
SHUT UP! NO ONE ASKED YOU!
THE MORE PASSIONATE HE GETS, THE MORE ELECTRICITY HE RELEASES. HE'LL NEVER BE IN A BAND NOW.

WE'LL FORM A COALITION OF ABDUCTEES, AND HAND YOU OVER TO THE AAH ALIENS.
AND IN EXCHANGE, THEY'LL MAKE US NORMAL HUMANS AGAIN.

I THOUGHT ABOUT IT, AND I MADE MY CHOICE.

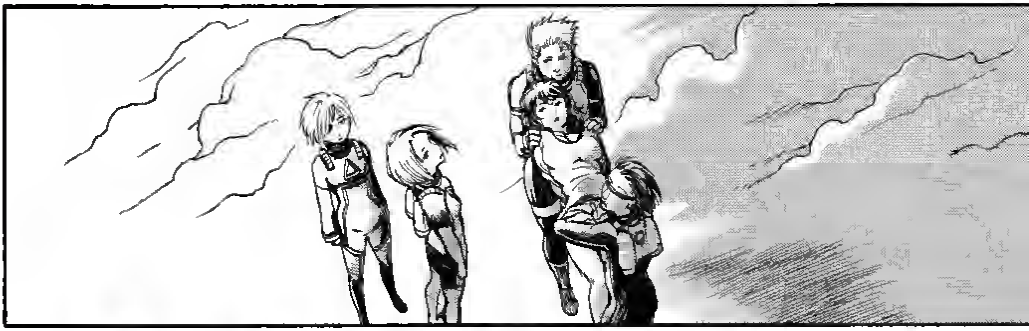
A WAY TO REMOVE MY POWER.

TO HAVE THE AAH ALIENS REMOVE MY ABILITY.



LOOKS LIKE YOU WERE RIGHT.

SAKURAI...



GOODBYE, EARTH! HELLO, PLANET AAH?!